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Hi All –

Friday was the quarterly meeting with the senior management team at the WB. We put our work with Tribes and drought on the agenda and I also talked a little about UIC with Jon B.

Tribal Drought impacts and Sate funding: I shared what we have been doing working directly with Tribes and also in conjunction with IHS. I shared the map IHS has been updating and explained our efforts to improve access to our limited infrastructure \$ for drought impacted Tribal water systems. We also discussed the barriers (real and perceived) that Tribes face when considering use of State (cleanup and abatement or SRF) funding sources. There was general openness to considering doing more targeted outreach with us to drought stricken tribes, particularly those that have contingency plans. I shared the concept of maybe having IHS work as a the financial clearing house/funding vehicle to work around some tribal concerns and I also brought up the idea of recertifying CAP grant funds to one of our IHS IA's with the understanding that the State would select specific project to be funded. I did not hear any objections from them to these concepts so I think the ball is in our court to advance them. I will send an invite for the relevant folks to get together and brainstorm what steps we need to consider. Please note there is a standing meeting to talk with CA SRF programs in early April which would be a great opportunity to advance the concept.

UIC next steps and GW monitoring: I gave Jon a short recap of our call with the WB and DOGRR press folks and he expressed his support of us continuing. He indicated that he had expressly asked his folks to work with us. He also brought up the draft State legislation they are being asked to weigh in on which would require monitoring of all UIC wells (not just well stimulation under SB4). He would like us to meet with them (soon) and share technical ideas about the subject of gw monitoring (note he will be out of the country later this month so we may need to proceed without his participation). We can discuss this when the UIC folks meet

tomorrow.

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